

**A N ADVENTURE
OF A MISSIONARY.**

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After spending ten years in India as a missionary I returned to America to recuperate from the effects of the Indian climate. Arriving in June, I went on the last of July to a region of high altitude in order to get the benefit of a bracing air. I found the change very beneficial. Instead of the hot Indian air I breathed an invigorating atmosphere. From the date of my arrival I gained strength.

At N. not far distant, there was a church, and some of the congregation, hearing that a woman missionary was at our hotel, sent me word that if I would give them some account of my work the next Sunday afternoon they would take up a collection for my mission. I accepted and Sunday, unwilling set out to walk to N. Those who had invited me offered to send for me, but I preferred to walk.

I had made half the distance when I overtook a woman walking in the same direction. I am one of those who take every opportunity to save a soul, so I accosted her. She was fairly well dressed and respectable looking, and after a few remarks about the freshness of the country and the deep blue of the sky I entered on the subject in which I was and am absorbed. To arrest her attention I began by telling her about my life as a missionary. She seemed much interested—indeed, so interested that whenever I attempted to lead her to the subject of her own spiritual condition she would not permit, holding me to what she was the more attractive subject. Thinking it a good opportunity to rehash what I intended to say in the afternoon, I did so. When I had finished the woman asked me a number of personal questions, such as my name and whether I had met any of those I was about to address. I told her my name and said I had never seen a single person of the congregation or indeed any one at N. She remarked that she should think I would be embarrassed at speaking to strangers, and I replied that I was a trifle timid in doing so.

As we walked on the woman at a place where the path was narrow fell behind me. Suddenly I felt both my wrists clasped in a firm grip, and before I realized it they were bound together at my back with a handkerchief. My companion, who had done this, then forced me on my back on the ground, both arms being under me, and, tearing my underskirt, she made cords of it and bound my ankles. Having done this, she put me on her shoulder and carried me into a wood so far from the road that I would not be seen, put a gag in my mouth, set me on a log and making cords of other parts of my clothing bound me to a tree growing against it. Then she left me, telling me not to worry, for she would come back to me before sunset the same evening.

There was nothing for me to do but wait. If the woman did not come back I would starve. If I was compelled to stay even one night in the position she had placed me I would surely be a wreck before morning. I wondered what could be her object. Suddenly it occurred to me that I had heard of a large insane asylum in the neighborhood. Might she not be an escaped lunatic? I did not doubt that she was and that she would probably forget all about me. The thought was maddening.

For a time I was not a bodily sufferer, but after awhile sitting in the same position without being able to change became very painful. My watch was in my belt, but I could not see it. I wished that I might in order to know how fast or rather how slowly the time was passing. That the woman had not taken it convinced me that she was not a thief, but insane. There was some comfort in this, for if she was not responsible for her acts her immortal soul was not in perdition.

True to her promise, just before sunset she returned to me and asked whether if she unbound me I would go back whence I came without attempting to injure her. I was glad enough to promise, and, loosening the cords, she helped me on to my feet, gave me her arm and conducted me to the road. We had gone but a short distance when, hearing wheels behind us, she said she would secure me a ride on my again promising not to divulge what she had done. I promised, and she seemed to feel assured that I would keep my word. A farmer in a buggy drove by, and the woman asked him if he would give me a lift. He consented, drove me to within a short distance of my hotel, and I walked the rest of the way, reaching it after all had gone to bed.

The next day I was not in a condition to leave my room. Some ladies in the house were very kind to me, though I needed to be left alone. I was too wrought upon to tell any one of the experience I had passed through and had no desire to punish the woman for what she had done, especially as I considered her demented.

After resting twenty-four hours I awoke refreshed and able to look over my mind, which arrived after breakfast. Among my letters was one from the vestry of the church at N. saying that they had met and passed a vote of thanks for my admirable address on the preceding Sunday.

I was paralyzed with disappointment. As soon as I passed my bill of lading to N. where I learned that the woman who had bound me had appeared in my stead at the church, delivered my address, taken the largest offering collected in many months and insisted in setting out to walk alone back to my hotel. She was never heard from.

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